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Mayor takes aim at jobs

O'Brien's motion calls on city hall to trim 500 staff, cap hires

By TIM WIECLAWSKI Metro Ottawa

The axe is hanging over 500 jobs at 110 Laurier.

With the prospect of another big property tax increase in next year's budget, Mayor Larry O'Brien tabled a

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motion at the corporate and economic services committee yesterday for the reduction of 500 city hall jobs to cap the municipal staff count at 13,500 people.

The motion, which citizens a disservice.» now goes to council for approval, calls for

cutbacks through attrition, but O'Brien said there would be some "involuntary reductions."

"It's time to not be afraid of the word 'cut,'" O'Brien said. "There are potential dark clouds on the horizon and to pretend everything is bright and sunny would be doing our citizens a disservice."

The motion exempts emergency services jobs including police, paramedics and firefighters and directs city managers to use technological efficiencies to reduce city hall payroll.

The outcry against the mayor's proposal was immediate.

Coun. Alex Cullen called the motion "a useless waste of time." because "it gives politics a bad name when you put forward a motion that you are not going to support at the end of the day."

Ottawa District Labour Council president Sean McKenney said it was sad for the workers and their family members who will fret for months, wondering if their jobs will be cut.

"For the mayor to spring it on everyone today was a bit of a surprise, but it's not something we haven't become accustomed to in the last 19 months," he said.

City Manager Kent Kirkpatrick

said 500 job cuts are not even possible without affecting city services.

And since emergency personnel are exempt and staff has been directed not to affect a variety of Mayor Larry O'Brien other services, Kirkpatrick said the cuts

would likely come from recreation, arts and cultural programming.

Even with a forecasted 4.9 per cent property tax increase for 2009, the city still must reduce spending by \$19 million to \$57 million, resulting in job and service cuts.

Coun. Diane Deans supported the motion, but said it was not a vote for "500 F.T.E reductions. I don't think that's realistic."

"But I support looking at the options in order to have a better informed debate at budget time," she

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A municipal staffer is silhouetted against windows at Ottawa city hall yesterday. A committee voted 10-1 in favour of a proposal by Mayor Larry O'Brien to cut 500 full-time municipal jobs and cap future hires.



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Ex-CFLer ends market rampage

Ken Evraire tackles woman attacking pedestrians

By TRACEY TONG Metro Ottawa

A city sportscaster and ex-CFL player says he was just in the right place to help when he subdued a woman who rampaged in the ByWard Market Monday evening.

"I've tried to downplay it,"

charges

» Jacqueline Ford, 21, faces numerous assault and mischief related charges.

Ken Evraire said vesterday. "It's just a case where a young woman was in a state of dis-

"I hope that she's all right and gets the help she needs."

The incident began when a market street ambassador heard a female screaming and swearing at around 5:15 p.m. and spotted a woman outside the Market Mall at 87 George St. who was pushing elderly people, spitting at them and who threw a plant from outside a business to the ground.

The woman tried to enter the A-Channel building and began kicking the windows when she could not get in. A security officer who intervened was spat upon and scratched. The suspect then allegedly approached and kicked a woman who was trying to put her child in a vehi-

Evraire, an A-Channel sportscaster who played pro football in Ottawa, Hamilton and Saskatchewan over nine years, came outside to restrain the woman. He knew he had to help when he saw the attack on the woman with the child. He ran up to the suspect, grabbed her arms and brought her to the ground, holding her until police arrived.

"I told her to cool down a little bit," he said. "I didn't want to hurt her, but I didn't want her to hurt anyone else."

Afterward, he got a call of thanks from the chief of po-

"Police Chief (Vern) White called and left me a message, saying, 'Here's something you never heard in your football career - nice tackle," chuckled Evraire, who was a re-

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Students recovering from deck collapse

By TRACEY TONG Metro Ottawa

Two University of Sherbrooke students who were seriously injured after a balcony collapsed in Lowertown Saturday night are recovering from their injuries in hospital.

Martine D'Aragon, 19, and Heidi Perras, 20, were listed in satisfactory condition yesterday afternoon, said Ottawa hospital spokeswoman Natalie Hanson.

The pair had been placed in induced comas following the incident. The women suffered life-threatening injuries Saturday night after falling nine metres (30 feet) when a third-floor balcony at 82 Beausoleil Drive collapsed just before 11 p.m. The women were two of six people on the balcony at the time it gave way.

While D'Aragon and Perras fell all the way to the ground, two other young people fell onto the secondfloor balcony.

Since the incident, the remaining balconies have been closed off pending the results of an engineering report.

Report to help city click with residents

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online.

Task force suggests online pay options for fines, programs

By TIM WIECLAWSKI Metro Ottawa

Residents will find it easier to do business with the municipality online if the city adopts the recommendations of a mayoral

task force.

The Mayor's Taskforce on E-governance — an 82-page report, released yesterday - makes recommendations on how to make the city

run better through technology, including one to do more city business online that will affect most residents

If the city follows the report's eight recommendations, most citizens would find it easier to navigate city websites, take part in consultations, or go online to pay for recreational programs, licences, fees, fines, taxes, permits or bills.

"Their recommendations. in particular those dealing with governance can fundamentally transform our city government for the better," said Mayor Larry O'Brien.

When the city's population reaches one million, the city budget is expected to

> grow by at least 20 per cent. The report suggests that virtually the entire 20 per cent growth in operating costs could be offset through efficiencies gained from prudent investment

in Internet Technology.

The report recommends that a committee or subcommittee be established to advise councillors on big information technology investments, and advises that the city hire a chief strategist for service delivery to oversee the IT implementa-

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Sunny break Captive audience



Abbey Schmidt watches her father, Paul, play quitar while the pair were waiting for her mother to finish her workday yesterday afternoon on Rideau Street. It was a sunny respite from an otherwise damp few days in the capital that have been marked by intermittent rainstorms, with the promise of more rain to come in the forecast.

»news In Brief

DEATH A man died vesterday crushed by a piece of road building machinery, at Britannia Road and Howe Street, shortly before 5 p.m. The construction work crushed under the tracks of the machine that makes road curbs and was pronounced dead at the scene after attempts to revive him had

STABBING A man in his 20s was stabbed in the city's west end yesterday morning. At 7:30 a.m., Ottawa police were called to an apartment building at 1065 Ramsey Crescent where a man found in a hallway with leg wounds, said Detective Blair Stanton. Police said the man went to the building after being stabbed, but is not a resident. Anyone with

information can call police at Crime Stoppers at 613-233-TIPS (8477).

ROBBERIES Two males face charges in connection with three recent robberies in Orleans, police said yesterday In the most recent of the thefts on Saturday, two suspects armed with a hunting knife entered the Mac's Milk

convenience store on Orleans Boulevard, demanding money and cigarettes. Other robberies were on Friday at a Quickie store located on Des Epinettes, and on June 11 on Trim Road. Sharmarke Mohamoud, 19, faces robbery and weapons charges in relation to June 11 and 14 incidents. A 17-year-old is charged with robbery in relation to the June 13 incident. METRO OTTAWA



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Learning the art of a unicycle



CITYSCAPES TRACEY TONG tracey.tong@metronews.ca

fter pedalling around sans pants in the World Naked Bike Ride earlier this month, I thought I had already done the scariest thing I could do on a bike.

I was wrong.

When I was a teen, I saw someone riding down the street on a unicycle. I was in awe of his balance, his coordination, and the fact that he had both hands free to eat an ice cream cone and talk on a cell phone at the same time.

But because I'm a klutz at the best of times, my

parents never let me try. I can still hear my dad telling me that I'd end up knocking out all my teeth if — or rather, when — I fell. Years later, I'm still drooling over unicycles in the windows of bike shops so, after some hemming and hawing, I finally sent an e-mail to a longtime unicyclist and asked him to teach me.

Ottawa's Carl Roth has not only been riding unicycles for years, he's the founder and organizer of the recent Ottawa Unicycle Invasion, an event that's growing every year.

For Roth, the love of unis started in 1994, when he went out intending to buy a bike for his son, but came home with a unicycle for himself.

It was a steep learning curve. He tried teaching himself in his basement, using walls and ski poles before heading outside to use the clothesline to hold



Fancy footwork and a sense of balance are key to learning how to ride a unicycle.

himself up.

He fell down repeatedly, but was determined to learn.

"Finally, I just went outside the garage and launched myself down the driveway," said the computer consultant.

Within weeks, he was pedaling like a pro. Since then, he's taught dozens of people, including his sons, to ride. "There's nobody I haven't been able to teach within four hours," he said as we walk to Nanaimo Park.

I stick the seat between my legs and put one foot on a pedal. I hop on, putting my other foot on the other pedal. Roth holds the back of the seat for balance and sticks his arm in front, so I can hang on for dear

It's harder than it looks, and it already looks hard. Five seconds later, the whole unicycle shoots out from under me.

"The hardest part is the first 20 minutes," Roth assured me. "At first, you have no frame of reference. With a bike, you can only fall left or right. But with a unicycle, you can fall in every direction."

Great. I try, and try again. Each attempt ends with me falling. I quickly learn that the trick to keeping your balance is to keep pedaling — once you stop, you're toast.

Pretty soon, I'm relying less on his arm to steady me and staying on the unicycle longer.

"When I ride by, people smile," Roth said. "People think it's neat.

"It's kind of a frivolous thing. There's no real purpose to it. And it's something that other people can't do."

Metro Ottawa's Tracey Tong is an award-winning reporter. Her Cityscapes column appears every Wednesday.

No injuries in 3-alarm fire

By **TRACEY TONG** Metro Ottawa

A three-alarm fire destroyed a three-storey residential building in Centretown late Monday, causing \$300,000 in total losses, firefighters said yesterday.

Ottawa firefighters arrived at 37 Eccles Street at 8:50 p.m., several minutes after the blaze was reported, where they found "heavy fire on the third floor, but it extended to the first and second floors.," said Platoon Chief Paul Whitney.

Firefighters got all the residents out, including several dogs and cats.

"It's an older home and the houses in the area are close together," said Whitney. "The house next door was inches away. We had to make sure the fire wasn't impinging on the house next door."

The fire is not being considered as suspicious at this time, Whitney said.

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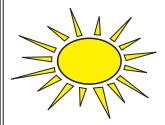






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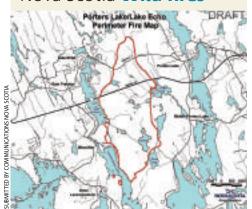
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An Edmonton jewelry store was robbed this week when a man strolled in and asked to see several rings and necklaces. Once he had loaded himself up with about \$10,000 worth of trinkets, he made for the door. The man was last spotted by mall security grabbing a taxi.

Nova Scotia Wild fires



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Concern about fair trial

Public outcry may result in difficulties for justice system

By ROBYN YOUNG Metro Halifax

Following massive public outcry against Penny Boudreau after her first court appearance Monday, some residents of Bridgewater wonder if it's possible for the woman accused of killing her only child to have a fair trial.

"I think there'd be a problem seeking an impartial jury," said Barbara Wicks, who has lived in the town for more than 40 years.

Wicks said she was disappointed to hear about the angry mob that hurled insults and accusations at Boudreau after she appeared in court to face charges of first-degree murder in the death of her 12-



These were just some of the people gathered outside the Bridgewater, N.S., courthouse where Penny Boudreau made her first court appearance on Monday.

year-old daughter Karissa.

Dalhousie University Law professor Archie Kaiser says it's the responsibility of the justice system to see that Boudreau is innocent until proven guilty.

"There are many protective mechanisms to ensure that somebody who is accused in a situation like this is able to attain a fair trial," Kaiser said yesterday.

The judge can ask to change the location of the trial, for example, he said.

Kaiser agreed it's important for the public not to jump to conclusions about the case.

"She's entitled to the presumption of innocence," he

Boudreau's lawyer Pat Atherton did not return phone calls yesterday, but in answer to whether or not Boudreau would receive a fair trial, Crown prosecutor Paul Scovil said: "I don't see why not."

He said the anger the case stirred up in the 8.000-person town won't necessarily be a

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PRICES Canadians are changing their eating habits and driving less because of soaring prices, according to a survey released vesterday, but they're not willing to abandon their savings plans or move to a smaller house to accommodate rising costs, said the poll, commissioned by Investors Group.

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Taser report by RCMP Complaints

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Commissioner

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The RCMP investigation into the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver International

Airport last year is complete and has been given to the Crown for review

Dziekanski, a 40year-old Polish immigrant. died shortly after he was Tasered at least twice by

Mounties on Oct. 14 in the airport's international arrival lounge. The incident was videotaped and received attention worldwide.

The RCMP report, which was forwarded to the Crown

> month makes no recommendation as to whether charges should be laid.

"The recommendations part is a little antiquated," said Stan Lowe, a Crown spokesman.

"Even if they made them, we still conduct our own, independent assessments."

JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Father of B.C. baby listed on craigslist charged with forgery

Roughly three weeks after allegedly listing his week-old baby for sale on *craigslist.com*, Jeremy Frederick Pete is dealing with police again.

Last Monday, Coquitlam RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) noticed a suspicious vehicle near Lougheed Highway. A man was seen moving two flat-screen televisions into a car around a motel parking lot. CRU members stopped the man's vehicle before it left and

found a stolen credit card.

Pete is charged with a count of forgery, possession of a stolen credit card and two counts of possession of stolen property. He appeared in a Port Coquitlam court yester-

Pete garnered national attention last month after his seven-day-old daughter was listed for sale on craigslist.com for \$10,000.

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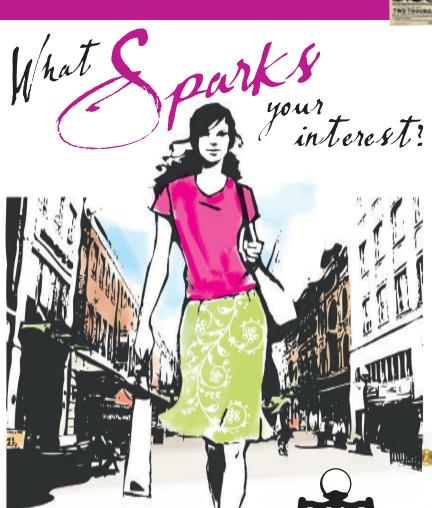
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The Chicken & Rib Cook Off takes place on Sparks Street June 18 - 22. The carnivore's carnival is back on Sparks Street this summer for another smoky, saucy, lip-smacking good time. Each year in June, Sparks Street Mall is transformed into a sauce-filled spectacle inviting world class grillmen and women from across North America to flex their Barbecuing skills against one another in an attempt to win over Ottawans' taste buds and be crowned "Ribber of the Year." Traditionally known as SKIP WORK, EAT RIBS WEEK in the Capital, Ottawa's International Chicken & Rib Cook Off is a great way to kick off the summer festival season, and hands down the tastiest event of the year.



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Female chimps keep quiet during sex to keep other females from finding out and punishing them for mating with the best males, British researchers said today.

Israel, Hamas reach truce

Six-month Gaza ceasefire to go into effect tomorrow

An Egyptian-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip that could ease a crippling Israeli blockade of the coastal territory will begin tomorrow, Egypt and Hamas said.

The announcement came on a day when Israel launched air strikes that killed six militants in Gaza. A ceasefire would aim to end rocket and mortar bomb attacks on Israel from the coastal enclave and Israeli

police force training funds

» EU advisers to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbass police force said yesterday they were seeking \$187 million US for training, equipment and judicial projects but did not expect to get the full amount.

raids and air strikes in the territory.

"Both sides have pledged to halt all hostilities and all military activities against each other," Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hossam Zaki said in Cairo yesterday, after weeks of separate talks with Israel and Hamas.

Confirming details provided to Reuters by a Palestinian official in Gaza yesterday, Zaki said the truce

would go into effect at 6 a.m. local time tomorrow.

Israel has said it would continue preparing for possible large-scale military action should a truce fall apart.

Hamas leader in Gaza Mahmoud al-Zahar confirmed that militant groups had agreed to a ceasefire with Israel.

"We ... as Palestinian factions, agreed upon a bilateral. immediate ceasefire between the Palestinian side and the Israeli side," Zahar told reporters in English during a news conference in Gaza City. He said the truce was intended to last six

Israel's Defense Minister Ehud Barak sounded a more cautious tone but said Israel would give it every chance.

"It's early to herald a ceasefire, and even if it were to happen ... it is difficult to estimate how long it will last. The test will be in the implementation but it is important to give it a chance," Barak said in a speech north of Tel Aviv.

REUTERS

Iraq Showing off their martial arts chops



New police personnel demonstrate their martial arts skills during their graduation in Arbil, 310 kilometres north of Baghdad yesterday.

Baghad car bomb kills 51

Shiite market targeted in blast

A powerful car bomb exploded in a crowded market area of Baghdad yesterday, killing 51 people and wounding 75, in the deadliest attack in the Iraqi capital in months.

Police said the bomb was placed in a pickup truck parked next to minibus taxis near the main market in the predominantly Shiite neigh-

parliament moving

» Iraq's parliament will relocate just outside Baghdad's fortified Green Zone compound in September for the first time since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, a sign security is improving, the first deputy speaker said yesterday.

bourhood of al-Hurriya in northwestern Baghdad. The explosion left a heap of smoking, mangled wreckage. At that time of day, the market is packed with shoppers buying food. Police said 51 people were killed and 75 wounded, including women and children. The blast set fire to 20 shops and levelled a multi-storey building, a security source said.

U.S. officials blamed Sunni Arab al Qaeda militants for the huge car bombs that regularly hit Baghdad in 2006 and 2007, at the height of sectarian conflict in Iraq.

economy

China, U.S. working on trade issues

PROGRESS China is making progress tackling a range of thorny trade issues but the United States and other countries must understand that it is still a developing economy and needs time, a top official said yesterday.

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Worst floods in 15 years hit Midwest

MISSISSIPPI Hundreds of volunteers on the surging Mississippi River piled sandbags atop strained levees yesterday as the worst Midwest flooding in 15 years delivered a blow to the U.S. economy and world food prices.

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In Brief

BRITAIN Omar Othman, known as Abu Qatada, who defeated a British government attempt to deport him as a "significant international terrorist" was freed from prison on bail yesterday but confined to his home for 22 hours a day.

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Top court holds off on BCE rulina

Canada's top court delayed a ruling yesterday on whether to approve or reject the buyout of telecom company, BCE Inc., a decision that could elevate the rights of bondholders and make takeovers more difficult.

The Supreme Court could add billions of dollars to BCE's market value if it approves the \$34.8 billion transaction to take BCE private in what would be the world's largest leveraged buyout.

But shares could plunge if the court sides with bondholders who want the deal blocked, saying it would saddle BCE with too much debt. Such a ruling would have far-reaching implications, forcing companies to consider more than the interests of shareholders when weighing buyout proposals.

Airline cutting jobs

Air Canada to cut flights in face of rising fuel prices

Air Canada will cut 2,000 jobs and crimp its capacity by 7 per cent as runaway fuel prices sap the profitability of many of its routes, the airline said yesterday.

Air Canada's drastic action. which translates into a 7 per cent cut in its 28,000-strong workforce, follows moves by

westjet expanding

» WestJet Airlines says it has no plans cut jobs or routes. Its fleet of newer, fuel efficient jets and strategy of shifting capacity seasonally between domestic and international routes allows it to stick with expansion plans, Vice President Richard Bartrem said.

the country's biggest airline to park older, gas-guzzling jets and to tack fuel surcharges onto fares in a bid to offset surging oil prices.

Air Canada's capacity cuts, to take effect in fall and winter schedules, will be deepest on its Canada-United States transborder network, which will shrink by 13 per cent. International capacity will drop by 7 per cent. Domestic routes will be trimmed by 2 per cent, reflecting the relative strength of the Canadian economy. REUTERS

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The underachieving New York Mets fired manager Willie Randolph, left, yesterday and replaced him on an interim basis with bench coach Jerry Manuel. The Mets are 34-35 despite an NL-high \$138 million US payroll.

In Brief (#

- » NHL Forwards Glenn Anderson and Igor Larionov are the newest players tabbed for induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame, as they revealed as part of the 2008 class yesterday. Anderson and Larionov are joined in this year's class by Ed Chynoweth and Ray Scapinello. Chynoweth, who passed away in April, was selected from the Builder category and Scapinello earned his induction as part of the Referee/Linesman category.
- NFL Oakland Raiders wide receiver Javon Walker was found unconscious on a Las Vegas street after apparently being the victim of a robbery, according to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Walker was transported to an area hospital with "significant injuries." He remains hospitalized as the investigation continues.
- » CANAM The Quebec City Captiales swamped the Ottawa Rapidz 11-3 last night. The Capitales Luis Valdez pitched 7.1 innings and allowed only three runs on eight hits.





Italy's Andrea Pirlo celebrates his goal from a penalty kick during their Group C Euro 2008 soccer match against France at Letzigrund stadium in Zurich, yesterday.

France ousted after showdown

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Italy came out on top in a tense three-way tussle for a place in Sunday's Euro 2008 quarter-final against Spain as the world champions beat 10man France 2-0 and Romania lost by the same margin to Group C winners Netherlands.

Andrea Pirlo put Italy in front from the penalty spot in the 25th minute of yesterday's eagerly-anticipated repeat of the 2006 World Cup final after Eric Abidal clattered into Luca Toni and was dismissed by referee Lubos Michel.

Abidal's sending off was a second blow for the French playmaker Franck Ribery was carried off on a stretcher with a knee injury.

With Netherlands already leading 1-0 in Berne, Daniele De Rossi made sure of Italy's victory on 62 minutes when his free kick was deflected into the net off the foot of Thierry Henry, standing in as captain for the injured Patrick Vieira

Sweden and Russia will battle today for the last playoff spot and a date with the Netherlands on Saturday in REUTERS

A Chip off the old (ice) block

ot since 1941 has a major-leaguer finished a season with a .400 batting average, but it's time now to accept the possibility that this remarkable feat might be accomplished this season.

As the schedule nears the midway point, it's clear the Atlanta Braves' Chipper Jones has a legitimate shot at .400. Entering last night, the 36-year-old all-star was batting .403. He hasn't spent a day under .400 since April 12.

And so the late, great Ted Williams must be spinning in his, er, freezer.

"I think Chipper can do it," said Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn, who was hitting .394 with the San Diego Padres in 1994, when a strike wiped out that season. "Hitting .400 is about giving yourself an opportunity every time you go up and not wasting at-bats, as Chipper does ... I think I could have hit .400 in '94 and I really think Chipper can do it this season.'

Oh, and this gem from Gwynn: "I remember Ted Williams once told me 'If I knew hitting .400 would be such a big deal, I'd have done it more often."

» The Blue Jays' A.J. Burnett may be interested in joining the Cubs, but Chicago management would prefer Ontarian Erik Bedard, who, along with teammates Richie Sexson and Jose Vidro, will be dumped in the Seattle Mariners' housecleaning plans ... Pat



Gillick's name is surfacing as a possible replacement for Bill Bavasi, fired Monday as Seattle's general manager. Gillick, 70, insists he'll retire after this season, but we've heard him whistle that tune before, as far back as when he was Toronto's GM early last decade ... Tim Russert, the NBC political analyst who died while working last week, was a director of baseball's Hall of Fame and served on its board alongside Frank Robinson, Brooks Robinson. Tom Seaver and George Steinbrenner. Russert also was a close friend of the Raptors' Kris Humphries, who'd stay at the broadcaster's home whenever Toronto visited Washington.

» And NHL rumblings: The Pittsburgh Penguins may trade Evgeni Malkin if they re-sign Marian Hossa and Iordan Staal. the Los Angeles Kings may hire Paul Maurice as coach and either Doug Gilmour or Joe Nieuwendyk will be hired as the Maple Leafs' new assistant GM.

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Accent on maximum value

Hyundai compact does not skimp on quality, fun

By MICHAEL BANOVSKY for Metro Ottawa

Ten grand. Well, \$9,995 if you want to split hairs. That's the cash price on the 2008 Hyundai Accent L three-door, a hatchback that was already a likable little compact car.

The price, incidentally, doesn't extend to the sedan version, and expectedly you get a pretty basic car for the money.

But it's ten grand — what do you expect? The biggest and most-essential option is air conditioning, which isn't standard equipment, and rings in at \$1,678.95 as a dealer-installed option. Add another \$1,000 if you want the optional four-speed auto-

If you'd like the full rundown of what to expect after slipping behind the wheel of the least expensive car in Canada (a claim shared by its similarly priced Kia Rio corporate cousin), you'll find: power steering, 14-inch steel wheels with full wheel covers, dual front airbags, seatbelt. pre-tensioners, 60/40-split folding rear seats, multi-adjustable driver's four-speaker seat.



AM/FM/CD/MP3 tinted glass, rear spoiler, and rear wiper/washer.

The Accent L's engine is a torque-rich, 1.6-litre fourcylinder rated at 110 horsepower that's a good match for the optional four-speed automatic transmission. The standard five-speed manual works well, though the long throws between gears detracts from the sporty ride.

There's nothing out of the

2008 Hyundai Accent

- Type: Subcompact twodoor hatchback FWD
- Price: \$9,995
- Engine: 1.6-litre L4 DOHC
- HP: 110 @ 6,000 rpm
- Torque: 106 @ 4,500 rpm

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ordinary on the chassis or on the steering and suspension side, but it's the end product that counts and the Accent

delivers a solid feel on the road. The ride is slightly firm, but the body doesn't lean much and this appealing little car takes corners very confidently.

The subcompact segment in Canada is alive with tough competitors these days. Witness the Honda Fit and Nissan's Versa, not to mention the Suzuki Swift, Chevrolet Aveo, Pontiac Wave, Toyota Yaris and Kia Rio. In this category, Hyundai sees the Yaris as its main rival and, in typical Hyundai fashion, it's taking on the Toyota with a bigger car and more stuff for the money.

Before the price reduction, the Accent could hold its own against its market rivals. Now, it looks ready to also compete on quality and in the "fun factor" sweepstakes. Now, it's ten grand - and still very much the good car it was at its original mid-\$13,000 price point.

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Alcatraz: The hotel? | Staying fit

2nd most popular tourist attraction may add a hotel

The U.S. National Park Service is considering adding a hotel to Alcatraz Island, site of one of the world's most notorious prisons.

Unlike the cells afforded to inmates such as Al "Scarface" Capone, the facility would offer upscale accommodations like those now available at the Ahwahnee Hotel in California's Yosemite National Park

"People are constantly saying they want to see more of the island," National Park Service Spokesman Rich Weideman said. "A hotel would be the ultimate experience in visitor access."

Alcatraz Island is run by the U.S. National Park Serviceand is already San Francisco's second most-popular tourist attraction, after its famed cable cars.

About 1.5 million people take ferries to visit the prison cellblock every year, and summer tickets sell out weeks ahead.

But many visitors say they also want to see parts of the 12-acre (5-hectare) island



The lighthouse on the former island prison of Alcatraz flashes at dusk in San Francisco Bay in this file photo. The U.S. National Park Service is considering adding a hotel to Alcatraz Island.

that are closed to the public, including wildlife areas, the room where prison guards bowled and the prison thewhere gangsters ater watched From Here To Eter-

A hotel, likely built in a structure that once housed prison guards, would for the first time offer the general public 24-hour access to "the Rock" and capitalize on the park's popular night-time

That's when evening fog shrouds San Francisco from view. But island visitors, like the prisoners before them, can still hear activity emanating from the city. "It's a very eerie experience," Weideman said.

Many development ideas, including adding a casino or a new prison, have been floated since the federal penitentiary closed on Alcatraz in 1963, according to newspaper USA Today. But the island's status as a national historic landmark set within a national park has made development difficult.

The hotel is one of several proposals the park service is now weighing as part of its new general management plan, which will guide park development and renovation for the next 20 years.

Others include serving food to visitors in the prison cafeteria and adding boat tours to the island's perimeter. The park service is taking comment on the proposals and will use public remarks to create a new draft of the general plan next year, Weideman said

on the road

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tripped of exercise equipment, routine – and, well, discipline – it's not always easy staying fit on the road. The life of a travel writer is random with little opportunity to spend a night in the same hotel, let alone maintain a monthly gym membership.

For the past few years, I've struggled with how to stay in shape while travelling but as I prepare for my upcoming stint abroad, I've finally enlisted the help of a professional.

Nathan Mellalieu is founder of Studeo 55, a boutique health club in the heart of Vancouver. This former college football player tuned gym-President has worked with the likes of Anne Hathaway, Jennifer Garner, Jessica Alba, Halle Berry, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck, whipping them into shape with a series of specialized

Appreciating the fact that I roam around like a gypsy without the luxuries of a trainer, treadmill or weights, Nathan assures me that there are ways to stay fit while I travel. He offers the following advice: » There are many exercises

- that can be done on the floor of your hotel room: Squats, lunges and pushups, the ultimate upper body exercise.
- » Running is a great way to burn fat and keep the body trim. Run hard for three minutes, rest for one. Repeat this 5-7 times. » If you don't mind carry-
- ing a few extra items in vour suitcase, buy a heart rate monitor (to workout within your desired target heart rate) and an elastic band (for resistance training). There are a variety of arm exercises that can be done with a simple, lightweight band.
- » People often say they're too tired to exercise. Remember that you don't have to conquer the world with every work out. Take a 15-minute walk, then stretch on the pool deck. >> While waiting for connecting flights, go for a walk around the lounges instead of just sitting.

Freelance writer Julia Dimon is host of Word Travels, airing on OLN. Contact her at www.thetraveljunkie.ca

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Angelina Jolie, left, has refused to rule out starring in action films when she is older, hailing Harrison Ford as a perfect example of an aging action hero.

Idol contestant is ready to rock

Reality show's Top 24 face the music on CTV

By **SANDY CAETANO** for Metro Ottawa

Lindsay Robins

Age: 21

From: Montreal, Que.

eing a rocker chick on a show like Canadian Idol, that most people think only produces pop singers, turns many singers away from even giving it a try.

Mostly they fear they're going to be moulded into something they're not, but that's not what this singing competition is about. Canadian Idol is a stepping stone to launch your music career no matter what type of singer you are.

And for Lindsay Robins, it a was a shot she was willing to take — just like last year's winner, Brian Melo, who was far from your bubble gum pop type singer, as was this year's American Idol winner David Cook.

"I'm used to fronting a band and having heavy distortion guitars around me and just running around and going crazy, so I was nerv-

ous that I wasn't going to get to the Top 24," says Robins, 21, from Montréal. "But now that I'm here what I'm looking forward to most is really rocking out with that band." Robins put out a record in



Canadian Idol contestant Lindsay Robins started her singing career at an early age singing with her mom, who is a wedding singer.

2006, Dirty Chemistry, but prior to doing so she was singing with her mom, who's a wedding singer. By the age of six, Robins was up on stage subbing for her mom, and found singing

was something she adored doing.

Over the years she has

been linked to music talent such as Chrissie Hynde from The Pretenders, Steven Tyler from Aerosmith, Patty Smyth, Pat Benatar, Tina Turner and more. Now she has a rock band of her own, and they get gigs wherever they can.

"I just felt why not? It's a great platform. What I like to do is get up on stage and perform," she says. "I don't know why but I couldn't think of a reason not to."

more online

» To read stories on the other Top 24 contestants, go to metronews.ca.

Metallica announces new disc

Metallica's new album will be titled Death Magnetic and is expected in September.

The news was revealed over the weekend via the band's website (www.metallica.com).

No new material has been played live at the band's handful of recent shows, but

British journalists have heard rough mixes of six untitled songs, several of which cross the seven-minute mark.

Death Magnetic (Warner Bros.) was produced by Rick Rubin and is the followup to 2003's St. Anger, which has sold 1.76 million copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Following its Friday headlining slot at the Bonnaroo festival in Manchester, Tennessee, the band is taking a month off before hitting the European festival circuit through late July.

REUTERS

ER pages four new cast members

NBC's ER has added four new cast members — Shiri Appleby, Julian Morris, Emily Rose and Victor Rasuk — for its upcoming final season. The quartet will play new interns at on the medical drama. Appleby (Roswell) and Morris (Valkyrie, Elite 8) will play siblings Daria and Andrew Wade; she's eager to learn, while he uses his

charm to get ahead. Rose
(Brothers & Sisters) will play
Tracy Martin, a controlling
intern, and Rasuk (Stop-Loss)
has been cast as the nervous
Ryan Sanchez.



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Get Smart gadgets not all fiction

By **GLEN MILLER** for Metro Ottawa

Funny thing about those gadgets in Get Smart. The covert people who make them in the real world are paying attention. So too was the case in 1965 when the Get Smart TV series first launched.

With all the shtick and catch-phrases the comedy TV series became famous for, the gadgets have endured in their legacy: the shoe phone, the cone of silence, the list goes on.

Truth is the real makers of gadgets and weapons do take note when some deceptive device appears on the big or small screen. That gadget might come darn close to mirroring what exists in the real world of espionage.

The covert devices used in the Get Smart movie are not far removed from the ingenuity dreamed up four decades ago.

Anne Hathaway, who plays Agent 99 in the film, got to employ three gadgets, and



Anne Hathaway and Steve Carell star in the gadget filled film, Get Smart.

loved learning how to execute them: the compact that releases a gas that exposes laser beams; exploding dental floss; and a cellphone with knockout gas inside of it.

"When the gadgets worked, it would be great, but another funny part is when they wouldn't work," Hathaway told Metro.

In fact, Hathaway says one contribution of hers to the film, well other than that act-

ing part, was suggesting how to execute a gadget scene that had been going awry for Steve Carell (Maxwell Smart, Agent 86). She suggested how he could better handle one of his gadgets to fix a nagging problem that was holding things up on the set.

"I was proud of that," she

From the TV series, scenes featuring the cone of silence contain some of the best

did you know?

» The movie's gadgetmakers, Bruce (Masi Oka) and Lloyd (Nate Torrence) are stars of a companion DVD to the movie called Bruce and Lloyd Out of Control. It's a parallel storyline to Get Smart and will be released on July 1.

comedy skits going, but guess what . . . it existed.

Director Peter Segal says someone who worked on the movie had a relative who had a connection to the CIA and was able to confirm this fact: The cone of silence was used in the American Embassy in Moscow. A plastic cone was placed over people and music played inside so the conversation couldn't possibly be picked up by a bug.

"And as usual, they said it didn't work," said Segal, laughing. "Almost everything in the movie is based in some kind of reality and so we came up with a few of our own gadgets to go along with some of the iconic ones (from the TV series)."



Fall shows leaked

LEAKED: Somebody at my favorite TV blog, TVtattle.com, must have let their curiosity do the (net-) surfing for them, because they discovered that at least two of this fall's big new shows have already been leaked to online filesharing networks, months in advance of their premieres. J. J. Abrams new X-Filesesque Fringe is out there, as is True Blood, Alan "Six Feet Under" Ball's new vampire show for HBO.

The TVtattle blogger found them on a site called Insomniac Times, whose proprietor posts about alternate energy tech and other geeky stuff along with the odd leaked file making its way out there onto Pirate Bay and other sites. A quick search on btjunkie.org revealed that both shows have already been disseminated pretty widely, with hundreds of "seeders" for True Blood

Now, I realize that I'm being a naughty boy by even talking about this stuff, but the fact is that screeners get leaked all the time, and if you're really hot to see a show, either a few weeks or months after it's aired, or just as long in advance, chances are you'll probably be able to find it out there in the Internet's

new album

The Game moves release date again

MUSIC The release date for the Game's third album, LAX, has been moved yet again.

Originally due June 24 and then shifted to July 8, the set is now scheduled to hit shelves July 22. The first single from the Geffen release, Game's Pain, featuring Keyshia Cole, is No. 26 on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart. RELITERS

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capacious grey zones. The media is usually blamed, but by the time newspapers and magazines have been serviced with sneak previews of new shows, they've usually already made their appearance online, put out there by someone a bit higher in the screener food chain at the studios or their production and dupli-

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Having finished product available long before it's supposed to be broadcast even if it's theoretically meant for a select audience - is the real problem, since simple laws of supply and demand, not to mention

cation houses.

human nature, means that leaks will happen, no matter how much security is put in place. Lawsuits won't work either, Hollywood homies – just ask your depressed buddies in the music business.

What's required at this point is a whole new way of looking at production and programming – a change that's basically revolutionary, if you're a network executive working with a business model that hasn't changed since Burns And Allen was a radio show. Forget broadcasting, fall debuts, even seasons; with a pilot in hand, the networks or any producer with access to a distribution network online – can make a show available, and gauge audience response accordingly, and at a fraction of the cost of producing episodes in advance of demand

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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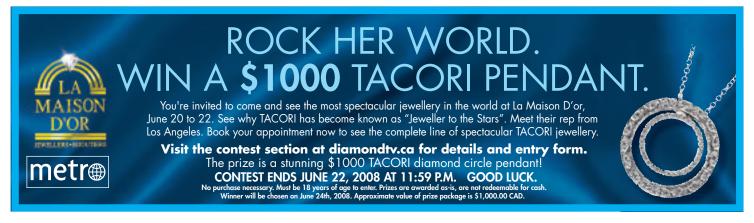
Family Guy
He has a lot of voice credits under his belt, but this time James
Woods gets to play himself. As any fan of the series knows, the local high school is named after local right school is named after the actor, so when Brian — in a bid to impress his black girl-friend — suggests the school change its name to Martin Lu-ther King Jr. High, Peter brings Woods in to stop him. This creates a rift between dog and owner, and Woods becomes Peter's new best friend — and his psycho stalker. 5:30 PM on 54 TROP



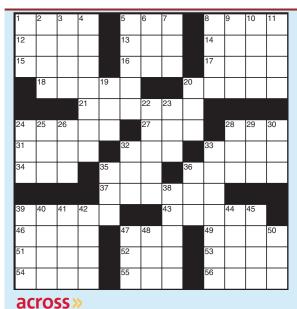
Wife Swap

Keep on truckin'? Not this week. In this episode, Debby, an Indiana farm mom who works two iobs and waits on her husband a competitive truck puller - hand and foot, swaps homes with Corrie, an engineer who loves to party, pamper herself and be pampered by her radio DJ husband. Both families can use some work on their parenting skills; Debby's hubby puts his trucks above her and the kids. while Corrie and her spouse leave their girls to their own devices. 8 PM on 20 ABC





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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Confer with colleagues about a special project. An elder may cause the end of an affair. Your secret treat is nobody's business.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Think about an alternative approach to nurturing. Use a remedy to control emotional responses. A visitor tells a personal story.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

The answer to a question is obvious. Being too indulgent destabilizes your routine. It's time to listen to anyone who cares deeply.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

Tuesday's news finally hits home. Your limit of tolerance is reached. Notify your friends of emotional distress.



LEO July 23-Aug. 23

Restless people will create mayhem. A phone conversation leads to a purchase. Jumping to conclusions will cause misunderstandings.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Asking tough questions will point up a friend's anxiety. Don't expect rewards for scolding anyone. Passing the buck causes problems.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A meaningful encounter has consequences. Delight overwhelms you when you get an invitation. No one can ignore odd musical tastes.



SCORPIO Oct. 24- Nov. 22

A conversation is scary when emotions run wild. Don't look to your family for comedy. Protect elders from disturbing news.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21 Somebody goes out on a limb for you. Hugs and kisses are shared by pals. A bore makes you pause to think.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Resist the temptation to over-indulge. Don't rest till a problem is tended to. Money changes will lead to long-term gain.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Something wonderful is coming. Others may be worried but you'll love being sassy. Surrender to the pleasure of being cared for.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Nastiness can be prevented by showing respect. Avoid arguing about romance or children. Doing good will create harmony. AVATAR VENUS

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June 18, 1858: Charles Darwin receives from Al-fred Russel Wallace a paper that included nearly identical conclusions about evolution as Darwin's own This prompts Darwin to publish his theory.

June 18, 1873: Susan B.

Anthony is fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.

June 18, 1928: Aviator Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly in an aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean.

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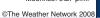


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